

# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

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### Incident Information

URN: <b>920 - 00449 - 1324 - 145</b>		Date: <b>01/07/20</b>	Time: <b>1900</b>
Location: <b>5520 Woodruff Avenue</b>	City or Station: <b>Lakewood</b>		
Bureau/Station/Facility: <b>South Patrol Division/Lakewood Station</b>	Admin. Investigation: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		
Type of Force: <b>Personal Weapons, Control Holds, Takedown</b>			
Incident Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3		Deputy Injury: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
Suspect Injury: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Call	<input type="checkbox"/> Observation	<input type="checkbox"/> Detail	<input type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Person Notified: <b>Lt. Minh Dinh</b>	Emp: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		IAB Roll Out: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	

### Involved Employee

<b>E 1</b>	Employee #	Last Name	First Name		Middle I.	Rank
		<b>Keith</b>	<b>John</b>		<b>J.</b>	<b>DSG.</b>
	Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F	Race: <b>W</b>	Height: <b>5'9"</b>	Weight: <b>180</b>	Age: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM
				<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		
Unit of Assignment: <b>Lakewood Station</b>			Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>132A</b>			
Individual Force Used: <b>Personal Weapons- Hands/ Control Holds/ Takedown</b>			<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility: _____						Coroner Case #

<b>E 2</b>	Employee #	Last Name	First Name		Middle I.	Rank
						<b>DSG.</b>
	Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F	Race: <b>W</b>	Height: <b>5'10"</b>	Weight: <b>180</b>	Age: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM
				<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		
Unit of Assignment: <b>Lakewood Station</b>			Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>132</b>			
Individual Force Used: <b>Control Holds</b>			<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category: <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility: _____						Coroner Case #

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	Sex: <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM
				<input type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		
Unit of Assignment:			Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):			
Individual Force Used:			<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility: _____						Coroner Case #

### On Duty Supervisor

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
	<b>Finney</b>	<b>John</b>		<b>SGT.</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
<b>Supervisor Completing Investigation</b>						
Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
	<b>Reedy</b>	<b>Stacie</b>	<b>R.</b>	<b>SGT.</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
<b>Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant</b>						
Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank		
	<b>Mouat</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>J.</b>	<b>Lt.</b>		

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's Signature: Unit Commander (Print Name) <b>WILLIAM J. TELLER</b>	Date: <b>11/23/20</b>	Copy Provided to Employee by: <b>[REDACTED]</b> Emp #: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Date: <b>12/1/20</b>
Unit Commander's Signature: 		Emp #: <b>[REDACTED]</b> Date: _____	
DISCOVERY Use Only FO# _____		<input type="checkbox"/> PPI REVIEW COMPLETED	

Original: Discovery Unit  
Copy: Unit Commander

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# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force SUSPECT INFORMATION

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## Suspect Information

**S 1** Last Name: Robbins First Name: Jacob Middle Name: Thomas Armed? Select: ☐ Not Armed

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female Race: W Age: 32 Height: 5'10" Weight: 160 D.O.B.: 3/19/87 Phone #1: ☐ H ☐ W ☐ C Phone #2: ☐ H ☐ W ☐ C None None

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: 5844074 Primary Charge Code: 69 P.C. Secondary Charge Code: 11377(a)H.S. Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ☒ YES ☐ NO Name: Los Angeles County Fire Unit: 94 Phone #: 909-598-4290

Hospital Admission? ☒ Rec'd Treatment At: La Palma Inter-Comm. Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Robert M. Milanes, M.D. Address: 7901 Walker Street, La Palma Phone #: 714-670-7400

Under Influence: ☒ YES ☐ NO Substance: CNS Stimulant 5150 a factor in force? ☐ YES ☒ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: 1/8/2020 Time: 1155 ☐ Audiotape: ☒ Videotape: ☒ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Suspect Information

**S /** Last Name: First Name: Middle Name: Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female Race: Age: Height: D.O.B.: Weight: Phone #1: ☐ H ☐ W ☐ C Phone #2: ☐ H ☐ W ☐ C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ☐ YES ☐ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☐ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ☐ YES ☐ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☐ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ☐ YES ☐ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses					
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
Unit of Assignment: <b>Lakewood</b>		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>132H</b>	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		
Non-Employee Witnesses					
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age   D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age   D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age   D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age   D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age   D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age   D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age   D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

☐ Additional Witness

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

**INCIDENT:** Category 3 Use of Force, Right-sided Pneumothorax  
(Collapsed Lung)

**IAB FILE NUMBER:** FO 2501161

**URN#:** 920-00449-1324-145

**DIVISION / UNIT:** South Patrol Division / Lakewood Station

**DATE / TIME:** January 7, 2020 / 1900 hours

**LOCATION:** 5520 Woodruff Avenue, Lakewood

**SYNOPSIS:**

On January 8, 2020, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force/Shooting Response Team comprised of Lieutenant Minh Dinh, Sergeant Stacie Reedy, and Sergeant Hank Ortega responded to La Palma Inter-Community Hospital regarding a Category 3 use of force; wherein the suspect was hospitalized for a right-sided Pneumothorax (collapsed lung). IAB investigators collected the report written by Deputy Keith under URN #920-00449-1324-145, and supplemental reports written by Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy [REDACTED] [Exhibit A].

**SUMMARY:**

On January 7, 2020, Deputy Keith was working Unit 132A when a disturbance call was dispatched to Lakewood Station deputies at an "ARCO" gas station (5557 Woodruff Avenue, Lakewood) near the corner of South Street and Woodruff Avenue. The caller indicated a male was running in and out of traffic, yelling and screaming. As Deputy Keith arrived on scene, he saw the suspect digging through a trash can at the gas station. Deputy Keith saw several citizens pointing toward the suspect to identify him as the person who was called on. When Deputy Keith drove his patrol vehicle closer to the trash can, the suspect looked up. Before Deputy Keith could exit his patrol car, the suspect ran away. The suspect ran north across South Street without looking at vehicular traffic, causing motorists to slam on their brakes and honk their horns. Deputy Keith, from his patrol vehicle, continued to monitor the actions of the suspect while relaying the suspect's current location to responding deputies via his mobile radio. The suspect continued running east across Woodruff Avenue and then back across South Street, as he continued running south.

The suspect eventually ran into a "Rite-Aid" store (5520 Woodruff Avenue, Lakewood) near the southeast corner of South Street and Woodruff Avenue. When Deputy Keith saw the suspect standing near the front entrance inside the "Rite-Aid," he ordered the suspect to exit with his hands up. The suspect complied.

Once the suspect stepped outside of the "Rite-Aid," he refused to place his hands behind his back as ordered.

**IAB NOTE:** In the supplemental report authored by Deputy Keith on January 7, 2020, under URN 920-00449-1324-145 [Exhibit A], Deputy Keith described his initial contact with the suspect by grabbing the suspect by the left wrist. Following Deputy Keith's interview with Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB), he reviewed the surveillance video of the incident, and Deputy Keith clarified that he grabbed the suspect by the right wrist, not the left wrist, throughout the incident. For clarification purposes, and throughout this review, the IAB investigator will refer to the suspect's right wrist.

Deputy Keith grabbed the suspect's right wrist and attempted to secure it behind his back. The suspect immediately pulled away, and turned his body with his right wrist postured to punch Deputy Keith. Due to the suspect's assaultive behavior, Deputy Keith punched the suspect twice, with a closed fist, to the left side of the suspect's jaw.

Consequently, a brief fight ensued, wherein the suspect again attempted to punch Deputy Keith. Deputy Keith immediately punched the suspect one more time, with a closed fist to the left side of the suspect's jaw. Deputy Keith conducted a takedown of the suspect. As the suspect fell to the ground, he tucked his arms under his body and continued to ignore orders to place his arms behind his back. While on the ground, Deputy Keith punched the suspect once in the left side of his torso, and ordered him to give up. At this time, Deputy [REDACTED] arrived and placed his knee on the suspect's legs to control his movements. Deputy [REDACTED] arrived shortly after and assisted Deputy [REDACTED] in handcuffing the suspect without further incident.

The suspect was medically treated at the scene by paramedics from the Los Angeles County Fire Department – Engine 94, under the command of Captain Flores. The suspect was taken to La Palma Inter-Community Hospital, where he was to receive medical clearance for booking.

According to the suspect's medical records, and noted by the treating physician Robert M. Milanes, M.D., at 2138 hours, on January 7, 2020, the Computed Tomography (CT) scan showed the suspect had a right-sided Pneumothorax. After discussing the results with the radiologist, Robert Milanes, M.D., noted: "Unsure cause of the Pneumothorax as he does use meth, states he fell 2 days ago."

At approximately 0830 hours, on January 8, 2020, the treating physician informed Lakewood personnel about the suspect's collapsed right lung. As a result, the suspect was admitted into the hospital for further treatment and discharged on January 10, 2020. The suspect was booked at 1630 hours, on January 10, 2020, for 69 P.C. - Resisting an Executive Officer, and 11550(a) H.S., Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance – Methamphetamine.

**INVOLVED EMPLOYEE(S) AND WORK HISTORY:**

**John J. Keith, Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
South Patrol Division – Lakewood Station**

**Work History**

Date of Employment:	December 2, 2013
Date Assigned to Lakewood Station:	February 12, 2017
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[REDACTED]
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):	[REDACTED]

**Equipment Worn On Person**

Duty Weapon  
Back-up Weapon (.380 Revolver, Smith & Wesson)  
Taser  
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray  
Handcuffs  
Portable Radio

**[REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
South Patrol Division – Lakewood Station**

**Work History**

Date of Employment:	[REDACTED]
Date Assigned to Lakewood Station:	[REDACTED]
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[REDACTED]
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):	[REDACTED]

**Equipment Worn On Person**

Duty Weapon  
Taser  
OC Spray  
Tourniquet  
Expandable Baton  
Handcuffs  
Portable Radio

**SUSPECT INFORMATION:**

**Jacob Robbins**

Male, Caucasian, DOB: March 19, 1987, 5'10", 160 pounds

[REDACTED]

CII # [REDACTED] MAIN # [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED]

The report from Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS)

[Miscellaneous Documents] showed Suspect Robbins had previous [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**WITNESSES:**

**Employee Witness**

Deputy [REDACTED]

**Non-Employee Witness**

[REDACTED]

**INJURIES:**

**Suspect Jacob Robbins**

The suspect sustained a minor abrasion to the left side of his forehead and a right-sided collapsed lung. His medical records and booking clearance were submitted [EXHIBIT B]. On January 8, 2020, the assigned IAB investigator spoke to Robert Milanes, M.D., the medical provider who treated the suspect's injuries. Dr. Milanes stated he was unable to determine the cause of the suspect's injuries due to the suspect stating he fell two days prior, as well as admitting to the use of Methamphetamine.

No Department personnel were injured during this incident.

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

None.

**INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:**

Approximately thirteen hours elapsed between the time of the incident and the time of the assigned IAB investigator's observations. The area where the force occurred was a parking lot comprised of asphalt. The parking lot was predominately flat and surrounded by a strip mall. The incident occurred during the night at 1900 hours.



## **SURVEILLANCE VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHS**

The surveillance video from "Rite-Aid" was retrieved by IAB investigators. The video covered the time the suspect entered the store until the time the suspect left the store. The times reflected below are the timestamps on the video. The video was copied onto a DVD-R [EXHIBIT C] and labeled "Rite-Aid." The following is a summary of events captured on the video.

### **"Rite-Aid"**

- 00:01** The suspect entered the store through its front entrance as a mother and her two young children attempted to exit the store.
- 00:02** The front of Deputy Keith's patrol vehicle is seen to the left of the screen as he pulled up directly in front of the entrance doors to "Rite-Aid." The mother appeared to see the patrol vehicle and walked back inside the store.
- 00:08** The mother and her children again attempt to exit the store. The suspect walked up behind them, moved to his left, and appeared to look outside the front entrance doors, as the mother moved back inside the store.
- 00:11** The suspect exited through the front entrance of the store with his hands up.
- 00:14** Deputy Keith approached the suspect from outside the store, in front of the entrance doors.
- 00:15** Deputy Keith approached and grabbed the right wrist of the suspect, and moved to his left of the entrance doors before they closed.
- 00:26** Witness [REDACTED] walked to the front of the store and exited through the front doors as Deputy [REDACTED] arrived on scene and quickly appeared to help assist Deputy Keith with the suspect.
- 00:32** Deputy [REDACTED] arrived on scene and requested Witness [REDACTED] step back inside the store. Witness [REDACTED] complied.

The assigned IAB investigator took photographs of the scene. These photographs were uploaded onto a DVD-R [EXHIBIT D].

## **RADIO TRAFFIC**

Deputy personnel used L-TAC and Dispatch 14 as their radio frequencies during the entirety of the incident. The radio traffic was separated into five different files titled Radio Traffic (L-TAC) Call 1, through Radio Traffic (L-TAC) Call 5, and Radio Traffic (DISP14) Call 1. The files were then copied onto one DVD-R [EXHIBIT E]. The following is a summary of significant radio traffic on each file. Verbatim terms or

phrases are in quotes. The time used to signify the radio traffic is the elapsed interval on the recording, not the time the radio broadcasts occurred.

**L-TAC Call 1, 1/7/2020 @1832**

00:12 Deputy ██████ asked Deputy Keith if he was by?

00:17 Deputy Keith confirmed and said, "Yeah, go ahead Sir, South and Woodruff from..."

00:22 Deputy ██████ said, "Alright, coming from the station, just 927C (Check the area) last seen."

00:28 Deputy Keith acknowledged, "Alright, copy Sir."

**L-TAC Call 2, 1/7/2020 @1834**

01:05 Aero advised, "Hey Sir, we're just leaving from Van Nuys. We should be there in three minutes or so, we'll let you know if we see anything further."

01:14 Deputy Keith responded, "Copy that sir, thank you."

**L-TAC Call 3, 1/7/2020 @1836**

1:41 Deputy Keith asked Deputy ██████ if he was by?

1:44 Deputy ██████ responded by giving his location of "South and Woodruff."

1:49 Deputy Keith advised, "Hey he's running in and out of traffic and..."

1:57 Deputy ██████ responded by telling Deputy Keith, "Hey you're a little 10-1 (Receiving transmission poorly), but I'm 97 (Arrived at scene) now."

2:03 Deputy Keith told Deputy ██████ "Hey go to Carl's Jr, he just took off, and he's running in and out of traffic."

2:08 Deputy ██████ acknowledged, "Copy that."

2:18 Deputy Keith advised, "Hey he's going eastbound to 7-11."

2:25 Deputy ██████ acknowledged, "Copy that, I see him."

**L-TAC Call 4, 1/7/2020 @1837**

2:53 Unknown deputy advised the suspect is now, "Going to Chase (Bank)."

**L-TAC Call 5, 1/7/2020 @1839**

3:18 Deputy Keith advised Lakewood units, "We're going to be Code-4 (No further help needed) South on Woodruff turn into the CVS."

**DISP 14 Call 1, 1/7/2020 @1838pm**

00:22 Unknown male (suspect) yelling for "help."

00:25 Dispatcher requested Unit with (Radio) traffic?

00:28 Dispatcher requested if Unit 132 has (Radio) traffic?

00:33 Deputy [REDACTED] advised, "Deputy's in a fight, in front of Rite Aid, South and Woodruff."

00:38 Dispatcher copied, South and Woodruff, Deputy in a fight, Unit in less than one?

00:49 Deputy [REDACTED] requested the patch, and advised, "We're going to be code-4 (No further help needed), detaining one."

00:52 Dispatcher advised the patch is not activated, but copies "Code-4 detaining one, re-identify?"

00:56 Deputy [REDACTED] clarified, "It's going to be 132H, Code-4, but let me get 902R (Medical rescue requested) for the DP (Disturbing party)."

01:03 Dispatcher stated, "10-4. Again, Code-4, per 132H and requesting 902R South and Woodruff, again its Code-4. All Units stand by for fire."

#### **WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL**

Personal Weapons – Hands (Deputy Keith).

#### **WEAPONS USED BY THE SUSPECT**

None.

#### **PROPERTY DAMAGE**

None.

#### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED**

The suspect was charged with 69 P.C., Resisting an Executive Officer; and 11550 H.S., Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance – Methamphetamine. The case was heard on January 14, 2020, and the suspect was sentenced to 90 days in county jail for Resisting an Executive Officer. The charge of Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance was dismissed.

#### **LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The weather on January 7, 2020, was clear and the incident occurred during nighttime hours, in a parking lot. Streetlights, along with fixed lights mounted to the outside of individual establishments, illuminated the parking lot.

## **STATEMENTS:**

*The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.*

The photographs referenced during the IAB involved employees' and witness interviews were taken from Google Maps. The interview photographs are combined into one separate exhibit **[EXHIBIT F]**. The photographs presented during these interviews aided in identifying approximate locations of personnel and their observations.

## **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:**

### **Deputy John Keith**

On November 2, 2020, Deputy John Keith was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Stacie Reedy and Dustin Carr at the IAB office in the city of Commerce. Deputy Keith was represented by Amy Johnson of Rains, Lucia and Stern Law Office. The following is a summary of his statements.

On January 7, 2020, Deputy Keith was assigned to Lakewood Station, working Unit 132A from [REDACTED] hours on PM shift. During the interview with IAB Investigators, Deputy Keith reviewed the equipment he wore on his person at the time of the use of force, including his duty weapon.

Deputy Keith detailed the events that led up to the use of force on January 7, 2020. Deputy Keith said he was finishing a call for service at an apartment complex west of the "ARCO" gas station (at the intersection of South Street/Woodruff Avenue) when he heard the suspicious person call dispatched. As Deputy Keith was walking to his patrol vehicle parked on the north side of the "ARCO," he was flagged down by patrons that pointed to a white male who matched the description of the suspect in the call. Deputy Keith got into his patrol vehicle and drove toward the "ARCO" to make contact with the suspect. Once Deputy Keith pulled-up behind the suspect, the suspect looked back, made eye contact with Deputy Keith, and took off running before Deputy Keith could exit his patrol vehicle.

Deputy Keith remained at the "ARCO" gas station, from within his patrol vehicle, and watched the suspect run north on Woodruff Avenue, crossing South Street toward the "Carl's Jr." (5601 Woodruff Avenue, Lakewood) on the northwest corner of Woodruff Avenue/South Street. The suspect did not look in either direction before running through oncoming traffic.

**IAB NOTE: Deputy Keith described South Street as one of the main streets within Lakewood Station's reporting district with a high volume of traffic.**

Deputy Keith advised, via his portable radio, for deputy personnel responding to the call to go to the "Carl's Jr.," as the suspect ran from his (Deputy Keith's) location ("ARCO") and was now running in and out of traffic. The suspect continued to run through the "Carl's Jr." parking lot and continued to run northeast along, and until he crossed, Woodruff Avenue toward a "7-Eleven" convenience store (5905 South Street, Lakewood). The "7-Eleven" convenience store is on the northeast corner of Woodruff Avenue/South Street.

**IAB NOTE: Deputy Keith described Woodruff Avenue to be a busy street at the time, with heavy vehicle traffic from the north and south. The suspect, once again, did not look in either direction before running across the street.**

As Deputy Keith continued to monitor the suspect, the suspect continued running south of the "7-Eleven" until he ran into lanes of traffic as he again crossed South Street. The suspect ran toward the "Rite-Aid" parking lot. As Deputy Keith watched the suspect run toward the "Rite-Aid," Deputy Keith, still within his patrol vehicle, pulled out of the north entrance of the "ARCO" and traveled eastbound on South Street. Deputy Keith entered the "Rite-Aid" parking lot near the "Starbucks" (5538 Woodruff Avenue, Lakewood) entrance, activated his overhead lights, and continued driving southbound as he paralleled the suspect, who continued running toward the front doors of the "Rite-Aid." The "Rite-Aid" parking lot is on the southeast corner of Woodruff Avenue/South Street.

**IAB NOTE: Using a Google aerial photograph of the scene during the interview, Deputy Keith marked the route of travel the suspect ran, beginning from the "ARCO" gas station and ending at the "Rite-Aid" [Exhibit F, Keith Photo A].**

As Deputy Keith continued driving southbound through the "Rite-Aid" parking lot, he maintained a visual on the suspect. Deputy Keith and the suspect arrived near the front entrance of "Rite-Aid" within moments of one another. The suspect crossed in front of Deputy Keith's patrol vehicle before running into the store. Deputy Keith put his car in park and, before exiting, saw individuals screaming as they ran out of the "Rite-Aid."

Deputy Keith saw people exiting the store as the suspect ran inside, his (Deputy Keith's) mindset changed. Deputy Keith was now unsure of what actions the suspect may take while inside the store. During this time, and as the only unit on scene, Deputy Keith used his hand-held radio to advise responding units of his current location. Deputy Keith said once he was outside of his patrol vehicle and standing in front of the store entrance, he was able to maintain a visual on the suspect as he remained within a close proximity to the front entrance. Deputy Keith, from the front door, began to give the suspect orders to come out of the store with his hands up. The suspect complied. As the suspect was exiting the store, he walked toward Deputy Keith and was yelling erratically, "I'm sorry!"

Deputy Keith ordered the suspect to turn around and place his hands behind his back; however, the suspect continued to walk toward Deputy Keith while keeping his hands above his head.

Deputy Keith approached the suspect, grabbed his right wrist, and attempted to place the suspect's hands behind his back. The suspect did not resist as Deputy Keith grabbed the suspect by the wrist; however, as soon as Deputy Keith attempted to place the suspect's wrist behind his back, he immediately felt the suspect tense his arm. The suspect immediately turned his body to the left, broke free from Deputy Keith's grasp, and brought his right arm back to deliver a punch to Deputy Keith. Deputy Keith, fearing he was going to be struck in the face, immediately used his right hand to punch the suspect twice to the left side of the suspect's jaw. Deputy Keith said the punches to the suspect's face did not have their desired effect, as the suspect continued to pull away. As the suspect pulled away, Deputy Keith lost his grip on the suspect's right wrist and any control he had of the suspect. Deputy Keith was unsure if he broadcasted over his radio that he was involved in a fight.

The suspect pulled his right arm back and, with a closed fist, attempted to punch Deputy Keith. Deputy Keith, with his right hand and a closed fist, immediately delivered one more punch to the left side of the suspect's jaw. However, the punch did not have its desired effect, as the suspect continued to disobey the orders from Deputy Keith of placing his hands behind his back. Deputy Keith believed the suspect to be under the influence of a controlled substance, as the suspect did not display any reaction after being hit.

Deputy Keith said the suspect appeared overpowering as he continued shaking his body erratically, which caused Deputy Keith to lose his grasp of the suspect. Deputy Keith placed each of his hands on the shoulders of the suspect as he pulled the suspect down toward the ground, conducting a takedown. As the suspect fell to the ground, he landed on his left side, and immediately put both of his hands under his stomach.

Deputy Keith knew the suspect had not been searched and feared the suspect could have been attempting to reach for a weapon. Deputy Keith, who was standing to the left side of the suspect, dropped to his knees on the cement, and punched the suspect with a closed fist once to the rib area on the left side of the suspect's body. The suspect immediately complied, pulled his left hand out from underneath his body, and placed it behind his back.

Deputy Keith said Deputy [REDACTED] arrived, and shortly after, Deputy [REDACTED] arrived on scene. As Deputy [REDACTED] approached the right side of the suspect, he knelt to the ground, grabbed the suspect's right wrist, and placed it behind his back.

**IAB NOTE:** According to Deputy [REDACTED] supplemental report under URN 920-00449-1324-145, Deputy [REDACTED] used his right knee, by placing it on the suspect's lower

**thigh area to help control and hold down the suspect's legs, not on the ground as stated by Deputy Keith.**

Deputy [REDACTED] approached the left side of the suspect, grabbed the suspect's left wrist from Deputy Keith to "tap" (Refer to Deputy Keith's Transcripts, page 25) Deputy Keith out, while he and Deputy [REDACTED] handcuff the suspect. Deputy Keith said the suspect was compliant at this time, but continued to yell and say he was sorry. Deputy personnel requested fire to respond to their location to check the suspect for any possible injuries. Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] secured the suspect in the back seat of a patrol vehicle. Deputy Keith reported his use of force to Sergeant Finney, who arrived after the suspect was secured. Deputy Keith conducted a debriefing of the incident with Sergeant Finney, as well as responding units.

Deputy Keith said, in addition to his personal weapons, he also had a Taser and his OC spray as less-lethal options readily available to him, had the use of force escalated.

**Deputy [REDACTED]**

On October 28, 2020, Deputy [REDACTED] was interviewed by the assigned IAB investigator at Lakewood Sheriff's Station, 5130 Clark Avenue in the city of Lakewood. Deputy [REDACTED] chose against representation being present during his interview. The following is a summary of his statements.

On January 7, 2020, Deputy [REDACTED] was assigned to Lakewood Station, working Unit 132 from [REDACTED] hours on PM shift. Deputy [REDACTED] stated, as the call for service of a male, white, running through traffic was dispatched, he was close to the intersection (South Street/Woodruff Avenue) mentioned in the call.

Deputy [REDACTED] heard via L-TAC, Deputy Keith had updated responding units as to the direction the suspect was running. As Deputy [REDACTED] pulled into the "Arby's" parking lot (5920 South Street, Lakewood), responding near the last location of where the suspect was running. He saw Deputy Keith's patrol car parked in front of "Rite-Aid." Deputy [REDACTED] drove to the location and saw Deputy Keith struggling with the suspect in front of the entrance to "Rite-Aid." Deputy [REDACTED] said it looked as if Deputy Keith was trying to take the suspect into custody, but the suspect was pulling and turning his body, trying to break free from Deputy Keith's grasp.

Before exiting his patrol vehicle, Deputy [REDACTED] saw Deputy Keith pull the suspect to the ground. Deputy [REDACTED] exited his patrol vehicle and saw Deputy Keith, while on the ground, punch the suspect one time to the left-back, torso area. Deputy [REDACTED] could not recall which hand Deputy Keith used to hit the suspect because he was running up to assist at the time. Deputy [REDACTED] said after Deputy Keith hit the suspect, the suspect continued to struggle by rolling his body back and forth on the ground, to break away. Deputy [REDACTED] went to the right side of the suspect and dropped his right knee onto the suspect's legs, as it helped eliminate some of the rolling back and forth motion, as well as controlled the suspect's body movements.

Deputy [REDACTED] gave the suspect orders to place his hands behind his back; however, with the suspect pulling his right hand toward the core of his body, the suspect continued to pull his right arm away from Deputy [REDACTED]. As Deputy [REDACTED] maintained a grip on the right wrist of the suspect, Deputy [REDACTED] arrived on scene and assisted Deputy [REDACTED] by securing the left wrist of the suspect. Deputy [REDACTED] handcuffed the suspect without further incident.

Deputy [REDACTED] said Deputy [REDACTED] requested fire to respond and recalled their arrival time to be within a few minutes of the incident. Deputy [REDACTED] reported the force he used, as well as witnessed, to Sergeant Finney when he arrived on scene.

Deputy [REDACTED] had a Taser, Hobble, and his OC spray as less-lethal options readily available to him, had the use of force escalated.

#### **EMPLOYEE WITNESS:**

**Deputy [REDACTED]**

On October 28, 2020, Deputy [REDACTED] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Stacie Reedy and Adrian Guillen at the IAB office in the city of Commerce. Deputy [REDACTED] chose against representation being present during his interview. The following is a summary of his statements.

On January 7, 2020, Deputy [REDACTED] was assigned to Lakewood Station working Unit 132H from [REDACTED] hours on PM shift. Deputy [REDACTED] left the station and was driving eastbound South Street, east of Clark Avenue, as he heard the call for service dispatched over the radio of a shirtless male in the middle of the street. Deputy [REDACTED] responded to the intersection of Woodruff Avenue and South Street, estimating his arrival approximately one and a half minutes after the call was dispatched. Once in the area of South Street and Woodruff Avenue, and having seen a male matching the description of the suspect, Deputy [REDACTED] used his tactical radio frequency (L-TAC) to communicate with Deputy Keith as both deputies maintained a visual on the suspect.

As Deputies [REDACTED] and Keith continued to update one another, via L-TAC, of the suspect's location, Deputy [REDACTED] heard Deputy Keith state the suspect was now running toward the "Rite-Aid." As Deputy Keith, along with Deputy [REDACTED] who was now on scene, responded toward the "Rite-Aid" parking lot. Deputy [REDACTED] was caught in the cross-traffic of South Street, delaying his response. Deputy [REDACTED] heard what he recognized to be Deputy Keith's voice over Sheriff Communication Center (SCC) dispatch, advising of a deputy-involved in a fight in front of "Rite-Aid."

**IAB NOTE: The SCC serves as the communications relay link in the Sheriff's Department's communications system. Their primary function includes providing service and support to field units, in relaying voice and digital messages between Sheriff's stations and their field units.**



As Deputy [REDACTED] arrived at the "Rite-Aid," he saw Deputies Keith and [REDACTED] on the ground attempting to detain the suspect.

**IAB NOTE: Using a photo provided during the interview, Deputy [REDACTED] identified the location of Deputies Keith and [REDACTED] to be directly in front of the "Rite-Aid" door on the exterior of the building as he arrived on scene [EXHIBIT F, Photo B].**

As Deputy [REDACTED] exited his patrol vehicle, he approached the deputies, and the suspect, who was face down on the cement. While on the ground, the suspect used profanity as he yelled and screamed; however, Deputy [REDACTED] was unable to determine what was said. Deputy [REDACTED] could not recall how Deputies Keith and [REDACTED] positioned themselves with the suspect.

When Deputy [REDACTED] determined Deputies Keith and [REDACTED] were able to detain the suspect without his help, Deputy [REDACTED] asked the store manager (Witness [REDACTED]) to remain inside the store. He assisted Deputy [REDACTED] with handcuffing the suspect. Deputy [REDACTED] had the suspect's left wrist secured, so Deputy [REDACTED] approached the left side of the suspects' body and ordered the suspect to put his right hand behind his back. The suspect complied. Deputy [REDACTED] secured his handcuffs around the suspect's right and left wrists without further incident.

Deputy [REDACTED] said, in addition to his personal weapons, he had a Taser and his OC spray as less-lethal options readily available to him, had the use of force escalated.

Deputy [REDACTED] requested paramedics to respond to their location for any potential injuries to the suspect. Deputy [REDACTED] escorted the suspect to his patrol car and initiated Field Sobriety Test's (FSTs) due to suspect displaying the objective symptoms of a person under the influence of a Central Nervous System (CNS) stimulant.

**IAB NOTE: FSTs are a battery of tests used by deputy personnel to determine if a person suspected of impaired judgment/behavior is intoxicated with alcohol or other drugs.**

Deputy [REDACTED] said the suspect would cooperate with most general questions asked of him; however, he was uncooperative when asked to perform a specific task used to determine if he was under the influence of a stimulant. Once paramedics arrived on scene, they examined the suspect and provided medical attention for any injuries the suspect may have sustained from the incident.

**NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESS:**

**Witness [REDACTED]**

On January 8, 2020, Witness [REDACTED] was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Hank Ortega at the "Rite-Aid" store in the city of Lakewood. The following is a summary of his statements.

Witness [REDACTED] was working as the [REDACTED] of the "Rite-Aid" store on January 7, 2020. He saw the suspect run into the store without a shirt on, acting crazy and yelling. As he went to confront the suspect, the suspect looked at Witness [REDACTED] and ran out of the store. Witness [REDACTED] was unable to determine what the suspect was yelling, but stated it sounded like "babble."

Witness [REDACTED] said his initial impression of the suspect was that he was, "...on drugs and crazy" (Refer to Witness [REDACTED] Transcripts, page 2). The suspect was in the store for approximately three seconds before running out. As the suspect ran out, there was a policeman (Deputy Keith) outside the front entrance doors, who caught the suspect.

As Witness [REDACTED] approached the front entrance doors, he saw Deputy Keith on top of the suspect. Witness [REDACTED] saw Deputy Keith hitting the suspect, with one of his hands, in the back. The suspect was "squirming around, and yelling, and screaming...He was like laying on his arms, and the policeman was trying to get his arms back to handcuff him...And he was fighting the policeman" (Refer to Witness [REDACTED] Transcripts, page 4).

Witness [REDACTED] said once additional deputy personnel arrived on the scene, they asked everyone to stand back as they helped Deputy Keith subdue the suspect. Witness [REDACTED] said there were three deputy personnel, with Deputy Keith being the only one to use force. Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] assisting with handcuffing.

Witness [REDACTED] ended his interview by stating, "I'm just glad that they were there. 'Cause they did a great job, I think" (Refer to Witness [REDACTED] Transcripts, page 6).

### **Suspect Jacob Robbins**

#### **Lakewood Station Lieutenant Interview**

On January 8, 2020, at approximately 0017 hours, Lieutenant Battee, # [REDACTED] attempted to interview the suspect on video at La Palma Inter-Community Hospital. The video was copied onto a DVD-R [EXHIBIT G]. The suspect was unable to answer any questions asked of him, due to being under sedation.

#### **IAB Interview**

On January 8, 2020, at approximately 1155 hours, IAB investigators attempted to interview the suspect on video at La Palma Inter-Community Hospital. The video was copied onto a DVD-R [EXHIBIT G]. The suspect was unable to answer any questions asked of him, due to being under sedation.

### **IAB Interview – Second attempt**

On November 4, 2020, a certified letter was mailed to the suspect's residence requesting an interview. Because the suspect was a transient at the time of booking, the assigned IAB investigator checked the suspects' last known address, via Justice Data Interface Controller (JDIC) – DMV. The suspect received the letter on January 6, 2020, and did not respond. A copy of the letter and a copy of the certified mail receipts can be found in **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.